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Form Number: None.

Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: Annually.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Information Collection .....	54		1		24		1,297

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,297.

Status: Reinstatement, without changes.

Contact: Stacy Jordan, HUD, (202) 708-0426; Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

Applicant: Eco-Tech, Inc., Frankfort, Kentucky, Hal Bryan, President and Senior Ecologist

PRT-810274

The applicant requests an amendment to their existing permit to take (capture, radio-tag selected individuals, and release) Indiana bats, *Myotis sodalis*, and gray bats, *M. grisescens*, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species. The amendment would add Missouri and West Virginia to the geographic area in which activities are currently authorized: Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, and Indiana.

Written data or comments on this application should be submitted to: Regional Permit Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received by July 24, 1997.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office by July 24, 1997: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist); Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

Noreen K. Clough,

Regional Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Exports of Live American Alligators

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received information that raises concerns on the conservation implications of the export of live American alligators. This notice is to request submission to the Service of any information that may be available on the impacts of exports of live American alligators. In addition, the Service recently denied an application, and other current applications in process raise questions concerning eligibility. The Service announces review of all available information relating to such export to determine to what extent the export of live alligators meet the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and Service criteria for permit issuance. This will allow the agency to examine the potential impacts of future exports of American alligators on the species, on other crocodilians, and on American alligator conservation programs. Information collected will be used in evaluating current and future permit applications to ensure that any permits issued comply fully with all requirements, including Executive Order 11987, Exotic Organisms. If requested, a public meeting or meetings will be used to assist the Service in analyzing the information. While the Service will continue to review applications on a case-by-case basis, any general policy or determinations developed as a result of this review will be published in the **Federal Register** for notice and comment. Applications for export of live American alligators for scientific research, for zoological display, or as personal pets appear to continue to be generally eligible for

permits and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**DATES:** The Service will consider all information and comments received by August 25, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send comments to Chief, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Express and messenger deliveries should be addressed to the same address. Materials received will be available for public inspection by appointment from 7:45 am to 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday, at the Office of Management Authority.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Stansell, Chief, Office of Management Authority, phone 703-358-2095, fax 703-358-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management Authority has recently received requests from the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Service review the criteria for issuance of permits for commercial export of live American alligators and to restrict issuance of permits until a review is completed. Both States have a number of conservation concerns about the export of these animals. In addition, the IUCN Crocodile Specialist Group has provided the Service with information that emphasizes the serious ecological consequences of establishing feral populations of exotic species of crocodilians, especially in areas with native crocodilians.

Each permit application must be carefully evaluated to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations and executive orders before a permit can be issued. For American alligators, their parts, or products, an export permit can only be issued if the Service can determine:

1. That the export will not be detrimental to the survival of the species (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, 23.15(d)(1));
2. That the animals to be exported were not obtained in violation of laws for their protection (50 CFR 23.15(d)(2));
3. That the authorization requested does not potentially threaten a wildlife population (50 CFR 13.21(b)(4)); and